

To all Jefferson County Employees:

Thank you ALL for what you do to keep our county functioning at a high level in these trying times. As you might know, I've been elected County Board Chairman by my fellow supervisors. I want to thank former Chair Jim Schroeder for his leadership and guidance. I've been a Supervisor for 22 years and in the leadership for 16 years under 3 different

chairpersons. I accepted this position out of obligation to the staff, the board, and the citizens of Jefferson county to provide steady leadership, thus don't expect radical change.

We and I have never faced such a situation as we have now in our lifetimes yet you have responded with flexibility, grace, grit, and understanding. I hope for the best in the upcoming months and year yet we need to be prepared for the worst, local government services will remain quite essential during this pandemic, we must lead by example. Along with our health care workers, we are on the front lines, adapting, responding, and innovating, you've been fantastic! I have no idea what the "new normal" might look like but I can only ask you to continue respond in the professional and extraordinary manner you have.

Remember Jefferson County was made a county in 1836, before we became a state in 1848. This should tell you quite poignantly that our citizens value local government and the services it provides. We need to stick together as we have in past crisis. Thank you all! **Forward Jefferson County and On Wisconsin!**

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